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Film Response: Cuban Missile Crisis

This video made me understand more about this topic. It basically covers the key players and events that led to the crisis, including the decision by the Soviet Union to place nuclear missiles in Cuba, the discovery of the missiles by US intelligence agencies, and the tense negotiations between the US and the Soviet Union to resolve the crisis and prevent a nuclear war. The documentary also explores the cultural and historical context of the crisis, including the larger political and military forces at play during the Cold War.

The part that most caught my attention was the explanation of how former President John F. Kennedy was between two options open to him; these options were a military strike against the missile sites in Cuba, which could have led to a wider conflict and potentially a nuclear war, or a diplomatic solution, which involved negotiating with the Soviet Union to remove the missiles from Cuba in exchange for a US pledge not to invade the island nation.

This video delves into the factors that influenced Kennedy's decision-making, including the advice and counsel of his advisors, the intelligence available to him, and the larger political and military considerations involved. The documentary also explores the consequences of Kennedy's decision, both in terms of the immediate outcome of the crisis and its long-term impact on US-Soviet relations and global politics.

It is very impactful to think how this ended, and reminds me that every single action has a consequence and will lead the future.